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LIGANDS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

March 29, 2004

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action of February 24, 2003. A petition for extension of time of three months is requested. No new matter is introduced by way of this submission. Reconsideration of the captioned application in light of these amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Kindly amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 30 of this paper.

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The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn

Applicant submits that each of the grounds for this rejection of the claims is obviated by cancellation and resubmission of the new claims as explained above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn

Claims 50, 54, 56, 62, 9, 18, and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b). To facilitate prosecution and the allowance of the claims under consideration, claims 50, 54, 56, 62, 9, 18, and 27-29 are cancelled as further explained above. The newly submitted claims, now the only pending claims in the application, are drawn to only include compounds that are within the subgenus set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

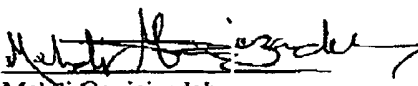
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of the claims is obviated, and should not be extended to the new claims. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37.C.F.R §§ 1.116 and 1.117 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No: 23-0455.

In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any matter concerning this application, he is welcomed to communicate with the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

March 29, 2004 

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